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Controller Chiang Updates Pay Site With More City, County Figures

SACRAMENTO - State Controller John Chiang has updated his public employee compensation website with the latest wage and benefit data for California city and county employees. The site – publicpay.ca.gov – offers maps, search functions, and custom report-building tools. It also allows users to download raw data for their own research. This update covers calendar year 2012, the fourth full year of data for [city](#) and [county](#) employees available on the site.

"Making compensation of public employees transparent provides taxpayers with the ability to be more informed and active in local government decisions," Chiang said. "I'm especially encouraged with the cooperation that cities and counties have provided in helping us make all government more accountable to Californians."

Today's update adds wage and benefit data for 637,435 positions, with more than \$38.86 billion in wages paid in 2012.

Since the site's launch in 2010, it has registered more than 6.9 million page views online. The Controller completed an overhaul of the public website in late 2012, adding additional search, browse, and mapping functions.

Special district information will be updated this coming spring, and data from the University of California is expected later in the year. The 2012 figures for State and California State University employees were updated earlier this year.

Those visiting publicpay.ca.gov can:

- View compensation levels on map graphics, and search for compensation by region
- Develop charts, trend-line and trend graphs
- Quickly see lists of top earners at cities, counties, and other local governments
- Generate side-by-side comparisons of local government payrolls
- Create local agency summaries
- Export custom reports or raw data from the site

Only the cities of San Mateo, Compton and Calimesa failed to file reports for today's update. All counties filed complete reports on-time with the Controller's Office. See lists of delinquent local government compensation reports [here](#).

A series of [video tutorials](#) also are available to guide users through the site's interface. The site currently includes annual compensation data for positions at cities, counties, higher education institutions, special districts and state departments.

Here are the [top 10 highest paid city positions](#) in 2012:

City	Position	Total Wages
Buena Park	City Manager	\$545,394
Pleasant Hill	City Attorney	\$465,209
Milpitas	Fire Battalion Chief - 40 hr	\$461,212
Carlsbad	City Manager	\$459,222
Fountain Valley	City Manager	\$459,144
Menifee	City Manager	\$440,415
Temecula	City Manager	\$416,994
Millbrae	Fire Chief	\$416,931
Vernon	Fire Chief	\$400,839
Milpitas	Chief of Police	\$379,251

Here are the [top 10 highest paid county positions](#) in 2012:

County	Position	Wages
Kern	Orthopedic Surgeon-Contract	\$1,040,651
Kern	Faculty Physician-Contract	\$828,287
Kern	Chairman, Department Of Surgery	\$753,465
Santa Clara	Physician - Valley Medical Center	\$658,521
Los Angeles	Chief Physician I Int Med-General/Endocrinology	\$600,258
Kern	Core Physician-Contract	\$574,530
San Joaquin	Physician	\$557,921
Santa Clara	Physician - Valley Medical Center	\$549,516
Santa Clara	Physician - Valley Medical Center	\$546,830
San Joaquin	Physician	\$546,292

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